

M I N U T E S
March 15, 2006
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mark Sidran, Chairman
Philip Jones, Commissioner
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on March 15, 2006, by Chairman Sidran.

Commissioner Oshie requested that Item F7 Docket UT-060232, on the No Action Agenda be pulled from that section of the Agenda and discussed. Commissioner Sidran stated that the item would be heard at the end of the meeting.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as modified and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Chairman Sidran seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES

A)1. 1-042 Docket Number UG-060256 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation General rate increase for natural gas services. Annual revenue impact is approximately \$11.7 million (4.47 percent). Tariff Revision Advice #: CNG/W06-02-01

Appearances: Mike Parvinen, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue a complaint and order suspending tariff revisions and set the matter for hearing. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)2. 1-054 Docket Number UW-060352 Gold Beach Water Company, Inc. Take public comment on proposed rate increase filed by Gold Beach Water Company, Inc. On March 3, 2006, Gold Beach Water Company, Inc., (Gold Beach Water or Company) filed for general rates for \$8,479 (14.5 percent) of additional revenue per year. The Company serves 184 customers in the central part of Vashon Island located in King County. The Company states the reason for filing is to help cover increased operational cost and capital improvement expenses, and will encourage water conservation. The rate design is changing to provide a lower allowance with the basic meter charge. The Company's last general rate increase was July of 1998. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

There were no public comments, therefore the item will be rescheduled to the April 26, 2006, Open Meeting.

F)7. 1-065 Docket Number UT-060232 United Telephone Company of the Northwest Revises the Line Extension Rate Additive Tariff Revision Advice #: WA06-04

Appearances: Betty Erdahl, Glenn Blackmon, Lisa Steel, and Wilford Saunders, staff; Sally Johnston, Assistant Attorney General; Barbara Young, United Telephone Company of the Northwest (via conference bridge)

After discussion on this item, the Commission took no action on the item, thereby allowing it to become effective by process of law on March 16, 2006.

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda

Chairman Sidran recessed the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Chairman Sidran reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

RECESSED

D)2. 1-352 Docket Number UE-051325 Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities NOTE: This item will be heard from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2006, in the Commission's Hearing Room 206. Special Presentation. 2005 Integrated Resource Plan, pursuant to WAC 480-100-238. Resource Plan

Appearances: Hank McIntosh, staff; Clint Kalich, Avista Corporation

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attested by _____
Carole J. Washburn, Secretary